

VIRGINIA

GAZETTE.

With the latest Advices,



Foreign and Domestick.

From the METHODIST, a poem written
by E. LLOYD, lately published in
England.

THE author, after having described their
manner of preaching, says that their sermons
ARE olives made of conflagration,
Of gulfs, of brimstone, and damnation;
Eternal torments, furnace, worm,
Hell fire, a whirlwind, and a storm;
With Mammon, Satan, and perdition,
And Belzebub, to help the dish on;
Belial, and Lucifer, and all
The nick-names which Old Nick we call.

He also represents the illiterate zealots, that leave
their lawful callings for an employment to which it
is manifest they are not called, in a strain of lively
and satyrick humour.

Every mechanick will commence

Orator, without mood or tense;
Pudding is pudding still, they know,
Whether it has a plum or no;
So, tho' the preacher has no skill,
A sermon is a sermon still.

The bricklayer throws his trowel by,
And now builds mansions in the sky;
The cobbler, touch'd with holy pride,
Flings his old shoes, and last aside,
And now devoutly sets about
Cobbling of souls, that ne'er wear out;
The baker now a preacher grown,
Finds man lives not by bread alone,
And now his customers he feeds
With prayers, with sermons, groans, and creeds;
The tinman, mov'd by warmth within,
Hammers the gospel just like tin;
Weavers inspir'd, their shuttles leave,
Sermons and stimsy hymns to weave;
Barbers uncreep'd will leave the chin,
To trim and shave the man within;
The waterman forgets his whey,
And opens a celestial ferry;
The brewer, bit by Phrenzy's grub,
The mashing for the preaching tub
Refigns, those waters to explore
Which if you drink you thirst no more;
The gardener, weary of his trade,
Tir'd of the mattock and the spade,
Chang'd to Ap'los in a trice,
Waters the plants of paradise;
The fisher men no longer set
For fish the meshes of their net,
But catch, like Peter, men of sin,
For catching is to take them in.

Translation of a FRAGMENT of SIMONIDES.

The poet, having pathetically painted a great
Princeps taking leave of an affectionate husband on
his death bed, and endeavouring afterwards to
comfort her inconsolable family, adds the following:

FROM these attempts, to all around, to give
Sweet consolation on the dire event,
Which, unconsol'd, she apt would not receive,
To seek her infant son her steps she bent;
The crystal tear yet trickling down her cheek,
That cheek which glow'd with beauty's brightest
charms,

When, lo! the nurse, that infant she would seek,
Brought sweetly fearless slumbering in her arms:
"And can you sleep?" she cries, "from sorrow free,
"By every mournful countenance unmov'd,
"While, sadly silent, each one weeps with me,
"His loss, whom equal with ourselves we lov'd;
"That friend, that father, is for ever lost,
"Whose knee so oft you climb'd in frolick play,
"Or wanton springing high in air he tosd,
"Or prompted mild your tongue's first rude effay,
"Sullo'er your eyes sleep's sweetest influence reigns,
"Still dimples on your cheek the wonted smile,
"Your orphan heart no anguish feels, or pains,
"In that calm breast no raging sorrows boil.
"Sleep on, my darling, sleep, in soft repose,
"Nor feel disturbance from your mother's grief;
"Ah, when shall I, forgotten all woes,
"In kind oblivion thus find sweet relief!"

The HUNTERS. A true STORY.

*Mibi frigidus horror
Membra quatit, gelidusque coit formidine sanguis.
Vox faucibus hæret.*

VIRGIL.

TWO honest Virginians were hunting one day,
And over mount Willis they strode their rough
way;

One soon reach'd the summit, the other behind
Sat down, for a while, to recover fresh wind.
There, snuffing the breezes, his mind ran away
On mercies from Heaven vouchsaf'd him each day—
Tho' great his transgressions. Thus, thinking on
God,

He wholly forgot to pursue the steep road.
His thoughts on his breast could no longer be pent—
Tongue wagg'd, quiver'd lips—and thus at it he
went:

"I thank the great Father for all he bestows
"On me, who deserve but strappadoes and blows;
"Nay well I deserve (speaking louder and louder)
"This mountain should fall on, and mash me to
powder."

His friend, who o'erheard him, roll'd down a huge
rock;

On, headlong, it thunder'd, and close by him broke.
The dust and the fragments were scatter'd around
him;

Tho' valiant as Hector, this sure must confound him.
Up he jump'd, stretch'd his eyes, like a Cow's, in
the mire—

Strove to speak, but, alas! he came nothing the
nigher.

His mouth gap'd as wide as the mouth of an oven;
John Childers declares, from his ears, it seem'd
cloven.

At length, with much effort, the far fragrant swain
Spit forth his tobacco, then chatter'd again—

"Shall mortals, tho' joking, ne'er utter a word,
"But what you must take it in earnest good Lord?!"

A LESSON.

IN Buckingham a sprightly boy,
His father's hope, his mother's joy,
A painted snake espy'd:
He seiz'd the brute, with feature blithe,
O'erjoy'd to see him twine and writhe;
He smil'd, was stung, and dy'd.
We oft mistake the path to bliss,
The flowery way pursue,
Attain some dreadful precipice,
And fall adown it too.

EPI T A P H

On THOMAS BANKS, alias WILLIAMS, the
ostler, the singing boy, the pirate, the fiddler, the
schoolmaster, the clerk of Jefferson's church, in
Chesterfield, and finally an honest man.

*Tam cinis est, et de tam magno refat Achille
Nescio quid, parvam quæd non bene compleat urnam.*

OVID.

HERE lies a wight, whose heart was great,
Whose soul ambitious wish'd to fly
Beyond the bounds prescrib'd by fate—
In him 'twas prudence, sure, to die.
He sweet contentment never knew,
And always sigh'd to change the scene;
The scene, when chang'd, insipid grew—
He hated rest and action too,
And only dy'd—to live again.

The ROSE. A SONG.

*Imitated from a foreign author, being an antidote
to Phlegon.*

I.

A MAID is like the morning rose,
Which doth each glowing unt disclose,
And in the odours it exhales
Exceeds Arabia's spicy gales.

II.

Here, charm'd, the willing Zephyrs stay,
And richer dews descend this way;
And here the rising sun admires
The brightest influence of his fires.

III.

Yet one short instant may suffice—
Ah—see—the charm of nature dies!
Wretch, stay thine hand!—alas! 'tis past;
This beauteous flower hath bloom'd it's last.

IV.

So when in some young lover's arms
The blushing virgin yields her charms,
Tho' thousands did admire before—
Th' enchantment's gone—she's lov'd no more.

MADRIGAL.

On Miss E. B——g, a very small, but beautiful
LADY.

WHEN I see that little creature,
When I hear her tuneful voice,
When appears in every feature
All can promise solid joys,
Undetermin'd are my eyes,
Whether she wants age or size;
But when thro' my soul I feel,
At her glance, commotion high,
Better 'tis, I think and sigh—
The happy doubt to cherish still.
Keen arrows fly round me, in every direction;
Her beauties confound me; the doubt, my protection.

MADRIGAL.

On the DEATH of an INFANT.

WHO, that beheld the lovely boy expire,
But must have join'd his tears to see
The weeping mother, and the sobbing sire,
Involv'd in so much misery?
But when we know that infant gone from pain,
To joys sublime—and hear thy virtuous strain,
Fair Lady, we forget our grief again. R. B.

A parody on the speech of To be, or not
to be, in Hamlet.

TO write, or not to write? That is the question.
Whether 'tis better with a pen to scribble
The flights and fancies of outrageous nonsense,
Or to lay down the quill, and cease to trouble
The patience of the world? To write, to scrawl;
And by that scrawl to say we utter all
The horrid stuff, the thousand foolish whimsies
Labouring in the brain, 'tis a deliverance
Devoutly to be wish'd. To write, to scrawl—
To scrawl—perchance to blot; ah! there's the rub—
For, on a strict review, what blots may come
When we have scribbled all the paper o'er,
Must give us pause! There's the respect
That stops the weak presumptuous hand of fools.
For who would bear the sneers and scorns of wit,
The critick's laugh, the learned pedant's railing,
The spurs and insolence of common sense,
The jokes of humour, and the repartee,
When he himself might his quietus make
With mere blank paper? Who would hisses hear,
Or groan and sweat at sound of catcall's squeak,
But that the itch of writing for the stage
(Where Garrick with inimitable charm
Of graceful action moves) puzzles the will,
And makes us rather risk all ridicule,
Than shun the Muses and forbear to rhyme.
Ambition thus makes asses of us all;
And thus each empty fellow, void of genius,
Is tempted to imagine he's a poet,
And Petit Maitres, of great skill in dressing,
Even from the favourite mirror turn away,
To gain the name of author.

Mess. PURDIE and DIXON,

A I intend my animadversions upon the occurrences of sixty six shall end with the year. I shall be obliged to you if you will give the enclosed pieces a place in your gazette for the last Friday in December. They are the last mark I propose giving (at least by this kind of publication) of my resentment to those who have deserved ill either of my country, my friends, or myself. I hope that, with respect to the second (the first and last being out of dispute) I may not be thought to have interfered impudently. When virtuous men are severely and unjustly censured, it becomes every friend of society to make the cause his own: I am sure I have made theirs my own no further than they have been treated in that manner. I rejoice that there have been few aspersions cast upon me, but by those who have cast still more at characters so amiable that, when they are censured, I should blush to be applauded. These men are welcome to proceed, as to me: I do not despair even of gaining from their indignation. Perhaps a respectful friend is a less useful counsellor than a frank and generous enemy. I promise them the greatest attention to whatever they publish, which may deserve it. I am, Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servant,
CURTIUS.

A KEY to the VIRGINIA GAZETTES. MDCCLXVI.

*Neque hæc altercatio nostra vobis inutilis erit.
P. C. plerumque enim respublica privatis crescit
Inimicitis; ubi nemo civis, qualis sit vir, potest
latere.* CICERO.

I.

SING MUSE, what writers, good and bad,
What wisely gay, or gravely mad,
Have shone in sixty six;
Such writers men have seldom seen,
Some give your orator the spleen,
Some few his fancy fix.

II.

Defend me, Gods! there's zealous BEN,
Who fore decries the best of men—
BLAND, NICHOLAS, and each NELSON;
Whene'er he slacks his chattering strings,
Pert Slander claps for joy her wings,
And Hell says—wonderous well, SON.

III.

But who BEN is I'll not disclose,
Perhaps he'd wring the Muse's nose,
Or rudely roar—G—d—her;
'Tis dangerous, in these stormy times,
To whisper e'en the name of ———
Suppose it then SLEDGE-HAMMER.

IV.

A BUCKSKIN ample, thick and tough,
Well tann'd, may make a dismal puff—
And ill tun'd organ's bellows;
Methinks I hear a jarring noise
(For'd from the scolding keys, by boys)
And C——r cry, brave fellows!

V.

Methinks (the vast machine, behind)
I see him swell the bag, with wind, ———
Then voiding blasts sonorous;
'Til (wrapt to th' ideot's paradise)
Exulting—DEAR OURSELVES (he cries)
Unstunn'd, none stand before us.—

VI.

O sight portentous! to the skies
Vast syllabubs, in froth, arise—
The work of METRIOTES;
Good RANDOLPH drop your labour's vain,
Forfake polemicks, burn your pen,
Cajole the BURGESS.

VII.

See MANNERS beam, from ill bred WAYLES;
See MANNERS, fraught with fairy tales—
The bastard of St. Judas!
God send that MANNERS, praising MANNERS,
(And all that follow FOLLY's banners)
Were banish'd to BERMUDAS.

VIII.

The names of THESE (who reason brav'd,
And high contempt) which BURKE engrav'd
On two-fold FAME's black portal;
Within her temple loud the dame
(That arbitress of praise and blame)
Proclaim'd his gun immortal.

IX.

Dan HEWITT and just EYRE approve
(Nor partial they to him they love)
The bard's renown ascertain'd;
They glow with pleasure, yet complain
That sometimes rhetoric, truth, are vain,
Since HENRY lies encurtain'd.

X.

NOT so the God (who fir'd the breast
Of that just reasoner) says, in haste,
Shall MAIA'S SON abandon
The friend of man and liberty?
No, RATIONALIS ne'er shall die,
'Til all men rave, like LONDON.

XI.

Not shall the CONSTITUTION'S FRIEND,
Said GRATITUDE, with me descend,
Unknown, to Lethe's strand;
The man (whose youth his country's cause
Sustain'd, whose age asserts her laws)
Is still the patriot BLAND.

XII.

Behold! shrewd, elegant, jocose,
A Dryden or in rhyme or prose—
The oriental PROPHET;
The glowing soul his writings show;
But, wicked HEWITT, how could'st thou
Plunge BEN, so deep, in Tophet?

XIII.

DIKEPHILOS, thy worth sublime
(Too great for feeble prose or rhyme)
Exceeds my best endeavour;
Yes, MILNER, great's thy worth indeed,
But reins restrain a mettled steed,
Shears verging boughs dislever.

XIV.

THUS sung, at ease, in lowly state,
(Relign'd, with coolness, to her fate)
The rural muse of CHELLOWE;
Some may perhaps her notions join,
Others aver (replete with wine)
The prattling girl is mellow.

XV.

In calm or tempest quite the same,
She cautious weighs or praise or blame,
Her soul appraises fire
With wishes, they were justly due;
Reproves the shelve and quicksands shew,
Both useful hints inspire.

LONDON, October 5.

A METHODIST preacher, in a fit of enthusiasm,
broke into Gressenhall church on Friday last,
tore the church bible into small pieces, with all
the common prayer books in the church. He is
committed to Swaffham Bridewell.

The last summer was exhibited, as a publick
show, at Islington, near London, the largest and
fattest bullock ever bred in England. He is com-
puted to weigh four thousand seven hundred weight.
He is twenty hands high, seven yards long, six yards
and a half round, four feet six inches from huckle-
bone to hucklebone, and three feet four inches o-
ver the rumps.

N. B. He was bred by Mr. Epingham of Lin-
colnshire, and fed by Mr. Mumby of the same
shire; and is so temperate that children may be
seated on his back.

Last August a goat, belonging to a Gentleman
in Westminster, went into the parlour, where stood
a large looking-glass, in which he saw (as he con-
ceived) one of his Welch brethren moving towards
him, mimicking whatever he did; at which his
anger grew so hot that he furiously thrust both his
horns through the glass, which cost 10 l. and shat-
tered it all to pieces.

NEW YORK, November 27.

Some letters from Mobile, via Pensacola, in-
form us that it has been so sickly in that place that
all the inhabitants have left it, except about a dozen
families, and the King's garrison.

Dec. 8. On the proper application (and conform-
able to orders) made by Major Thomas James, who
sustained a loss on the first of November 1765, in
this city, his case has been considered by the Hon.
House of Representatives, now sitting; and they
have been pleased to grant him the amount of his
account sworn to, of the sum of one thousand seven
hundred and forty five pounds, fifteen shillings, and
twopence halfpenny, for which that Gentleman
gave the House his hearty thanks, and assured he
would communicate their generosity, by the first
opportunity, to his Majesty's Ministers of State.

Other losses, that happened on the same day and
year, are under consideration.

Wednesday night, about nine o'clock, on board
a sloop from Egg harbour, loaded with shingles, one
Davis master, lying without the Great Dock, a
fire kindled, it is supposed under the hearth, in the
cabin, burst out, and was got to a considerable height
before discovered. It is said most of the things in
the cabin were destroyed, and the vessel, with
several others, and their cargoes, were in great dan-
ger; but by timely assistance, and scuttling the vessel,
the fire was extinguished, after having done, it was
supposed, about 50 l. damage.

Extract of a letter from the Grenades, October 24.

"Our Assembly are now sitting, and among other
laws have passed the following, that all the flower,
bread, butter, &c. sold in this island, is to be sold
hereafter by the hundred or pound weight. They
also intend laying a duty on all flower, bread, beef,
pork, butter, cheese, &c. imported here; and in-
tend giving a bounty of 30 s. per head, on all live
cattle brought from the Northward. They also in-
tend appointing inspectors of lumber."

This may serve to inform the publick, especially
the traders to North Carolina, that the Hornet sloop
of war lies in Cape Lookout bay, has two tenders,
one a Virginia built pilot boat, with two swivel
guns forward, the other a small schooner, with six
swivels, which strictly examine all vessels they meet
with bound to North Carolina; some have been
seized.

Extract of a letter from Quebec, Nov. 8.

"The famous rum duties claimed by the King,
as heir at law, and by conquest to the French King,
was yesterday, by our new Judge, &c. special jury,
given against the Crown; the King's Attorney talks
of appealing, but we mean to remonstrate to his
Majesty against the illegality of taxing us against
our consent, and plead his own proclamation in our
behalf, where he promised the Canadians, as well as
English, the same rights and privileges as his natural
born subjects. We do not refuse the necessary aids
for the support of government in this province, but
claim the right to raise them ourselves, and hope
daily to learn this has been granted us, in giving us,
as well as the other colonies, an Assembly, which
we have some time ago applied for."

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.

Extract of a letter from London, Sept. 30.

"I happened to be at York during the races
there, where a prodigious concourse of Gentry
was assembled, and where the Marquis of Rocking-
ham was presented with very warm addresses from
most of the trading towns of that extensive country,
highly extolling his late patriotick administration,
and deeply regretting their being now deprived of
his further assistance; and indeed the late Ministry
seem to stand very high in the publick esteem, in
general. How this will operate next winter, I will
not pretend to say.

"At present people seem to be somewhat tired of
the abuse that hath for some time been thrown out
against Lord Chatham, and wait with impatience
to see what conduct he adopts at the opening of the
session; he is now really very ill of the gout, and
is at present at Bath, in order to recruit his health.
In the mean while there is nothing but riots and
insurrections over the whole country, on account of
the high price of provisions, in particular corn.
The Privy Council have put a stop to the exporta-
tion of it in the interim, but some means must be
fallen upon to lower the price of the necessaries of
life in general, or I know not what will become of
the labouring poor."

December 18. One day last week two fellows
had the boldness to go into his Honour the Gover-
nor's house, at noon, one of whom went into the
pantry for plunder, while the other stood watch in
the entry; but some of the servants hearing a noise,
seized the fellow in the entry, and the house being
alarmed, the other fellow was also taken, who had
carried off a pair of silver candlesticks.

On Monday, the 8th instant, was killed by James
Mather, in Chester, a cow, the four quarters of
which weighed seven hundred and fifty six pounds,
tallow one hundred and six pounds, hide sixty seven
pounds. In all, eight hundred and ninety three
pounds.

**We wish our Customers a happy
NEW YEAR.**

Advertisements.

WILLIAMSBURG, Jan. 1, 1767.

Journeymen Tailors,
that understand their business, will meet
with good encouragement by applying to
ROBERT NICOLSON.

* * I have a quantity of GLASGOW
CHECKS, CHECKT HOLLAND, BROWN
HOLLAND, WHITED BROWN THREAD,
&c. which will be sold on reasonable
terms, for ready money.

YORK, Dec. 30, 1766.

THE subscriber, being desirous to
return to England, would be wil-
ling to sell off his stock in trade, his store-
house, with all its appurtenances.

GEORGE WILSON.

TAPPAHANNOCK, Dec. 27, 1766.

THIS is to give NOTICE that I have
opened a TAVERN at Tappahannock, in the houses
where Archibald Ritchie lived, near the river side, and it is
my intention to keep it as well as any house in the colony;
therefore Gentlemen may depend on being well accommodated,
and their servants and horses taken care of. The manage-
ment of the ferry here across Rappahannock also falls to my
share, where travellers may depend on the readiest despatch.

JOHN WHITLOCK.

THE subscriber gives this publick notice that he intends to go for England with Capt. Lilly.

1|| EDWARD MOIR.

WILLIAM POOL intends leaving the colony soon. 1||

ALL persons that have any just demands against the estate of Major Isaac Wynton, late of Henrico county, deceased, are desired to make them known, as proper methods may be taken in order to have them discharged, so that a division of the estate may be made, agreeable to the testator's will, as soon as may be; also those indebted to the estate are desired to make payment.

2|| PETER & ISAAC WINSTON, } Executors.
THOMAS PROSSER, }

To be SOLD at Rocky Ridge, on Monday the 16th of FEBRUARY next (if fair, otherwise next fair day)

100 choice Slaves,

AMONG whom are several valuable tradesmen. Six months credit will be allowed for one half the purchase money, and twelve months credit for the remainder, upon giving bond and security to the administrators of JOHN ROBINSON, Esquire. A discount of five per cent. will be allowed for ready money. 7||

To be SOLD, according to the will of Capt. Henry Thacker, deceased,



A VALUABLE Tract of LAND, in King William county, containing 850 acres. For terms apply to Mrs. MARY ELIZABETH THACKER, Executrix, in Middlesex county, or to Col. WILLIAM ALLEN, Executor, in Surry county.

To be SOLD in Hanover town, to the highest bidder, on TUESDAY the 13th instant,



TWO Lots, whereon Mr. CHARLES GOODALL, deceased, lately lived, which are in good repair, and extremely well situated for a merchant, or publican. At the same time will be sold the household and kitchen furniture, a large stock of choice liquors, a riding chair, some choice milch cattle, and sundry other things, too tedious to mention. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving bond and good security to

2|| SAMUEL OVERTON.

N. B. All persons indebted are desired to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands against the said estate to make them known to S. O.

To be SOLD at FREDERICKSBURG, on Tuesday the 22d instant (if fair, otherwise next fair day,

SIXTY odd exceeding fine NEGROES, all, except two, Virginia born; consisting of very fine men, women, boys, girls, and children, in the whole not one bad, such being picked out and sold some few years ago. Credit will be allowed the purchasers until October next for one third part of the money, until April 1768 for another third part, and the other third and last payment to be made in April 1769, they giving bond, with good and sufficient security, to

THOMAS MOORE.

N. B. Five per cent. discount will be allowed for ready money.

To be SOLD, on reasonable TERMS,

THREE thousand acres of land, in King William county, two thousand of which lies on the river Mattaponi, about eight miles above West Point, and about four miles from Claiborne's ferry; there are two handsome seats on the said two thousand acres of land, the one on which the subscriber lives has a very fine large and genteel brick house, two story high, with four rooms above and four below, with a fireplace to each room, a large passage, four fine cellars, and cellar passage, the work, both brick and wood, as well done as any in this colony, all convenient out-houses, a well accustomed mill, a large apple orchard of Hughes's and white apples, about fifty or sixty acres of very good marsh, a large garden newly paled in, the situation and prospect very pleasant, and great plenty of fish and wild fowl. The other is also a fine and agreeable situation, with a good dwelling-house and out-houses, with apple and peach orchards. These lands are very good for tobacco, Indian corn, wheat, oats, &c. has several fine places for meadows, and is in general exceeding level and well timbered, and in very good order for cropping, with plenty of tobacco houses, barns, Negro quarters, &c. The other thousand acres of land lies on the same river (Mattaponi) about two or three miles above West Point, is extremely level and well timbered, and has belonging to it one hundred and fifty or sixty acres of very fine marsh, so firm, dry, and hard, that carriages of great burthen go on it, and is of the greatest advantage to stocks of cattle, hogs, &c. where numbers may be raised with little trouble and expense, and a ready market for them. This land, as well as the other, is exceeding good, and produces fine tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, &c. has several places for meadow, great plenty of fish and fowl, is in good order for cropping, and has tobacco houses, quarters, and other convenient houses. Any person inclinable to purchase may be shown these lands, and know the terms, by applying to

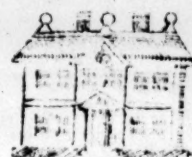
THOMAS MOORE.

N. B. Large flocks of cattle, hogs, &c. with several blooded mares and plow horses, may be bought with or without the land. T. M.

To be SOLD, the following tracts of land, viz.

FOURTEEN hundred and forty seven acres, lying on the north side of Appamattox river, about a mile and a half above Petersburg; it is divided into three tenements, upon one whereof is a neat convenient dwelling-house, with two rooms on a floor, and a commodious passage and many other houses, all in good repair; it is situated upon a high level, a fine spring, and is esteemed a remarkable healthy place. Another is about a mile above, upon the river, situated as the former; there is on this tenement a house 20 feet by 18, a lodging room behind, underpinned with bricks, and a brick chimney, and several other houses. The other tenement is about two miles back upon Old Town creek, whereon are some houses, and other improvements; the soil of the whole tract is esteemed very good for all sorts of grain, for which there is always a ready market in Petersburg, and the other neighbouring towns; the tract may very conveniently be divided into four lots, but in that I shall be governed by the purchaser or purchasers. Also 1047 acres in Dinwiddie county, about 10 miles from Petersburg, whereon are some houses, and other improvements; the soil is remarkably good for all kinds of grain, and some parts for tobacco and pasturage. This tract may also be divided into two lots with great convenience; it lies upon a fine road leading to Petersburg and Blankford. Also about 500 acres in Sussex county, whereon John Skewis lately lived; the improvements are a dwelling-house with 6 rooms, underpinned with brick, and brick chimneys, several other houses, and about 400 bearing fruit trees, mostly Hughes's and Farther Abraham's; it is situated upon the road leading from the back counties to Carolina, to Noble's, Hood's, and Cabin Point, and is about 16 miles from these several landings, and about the same distance from Blankford. The terms of sale will be easy to the purchasers, and may be known by applying to Mess. Neil Buchanan, sen. and jun. in Petersburg. Mr. James Bellchies at Cabin Point, or to me in Sussex. I have also some other valuable tracts of land upon Appamattox river, in the neighbourhood of Petersburg, and also in Sussex county, that I would leave out for a term of years. AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE.

To be SOLD, on very reasonable terms,



THE Houses and Lot where we lately kept store, adjoining the town of Petersburg, near the warehouses, consisting of two very commodious storehouses, each of which has a good brick cellar, an exceeding fine warehouse, 40 feet by 40, and a stable for four horses. The building being almost new, and the work executed in the best manner, they will not stand in need of any considerable repairs for many years.

As we intend leaving the colony as soon as our affairs are settled, hope that all persons indebted to us will discharge their several balances as speedily as possible; those whose accounts stand open, and cannot make payment immediately, will give bond, if they expect to meet with indulgence.

2|| GORDON & ALSTON.



STRAYED from the subscriber, about 10 days ago, a bay mare, 6 years old, about 13 hands high, with a small star in her forehead, a roached mane and switch tail, and branded on the near buttock 2. It is imagined she is gone to some Hanover, where she was bred. Whoever conveys, or gives intelligence where the above mare may be found, shall receive Ten Shillings reward. ROBERT PRENTIS.



STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, in Williamsburg, a dark bay horse, about 13 hands and a half high, between five and six years old, with a blaze in his face, his hind feet white, his mane has been roached, but is grown out again, docked very long, has been galled under his fore shoulder, paces slow, gallops and trots, and branded on the near buttock with the bottom of a stirrup. Whoever conveys the said horse to me shall have Ten Shillings reward. JOHN COKE.

Taken up, in Buckingham, a small bald eagle mare, branded on the shoulder with a woman's stirrup iron, and on the near and off buttock O; polled, and appraised to 5 l.

HUGH SCOTT.

Taken up, in Amelia, a small bay mare, with a star in her forehead, and branded on the near buttock 2; polled, and appraised to 5 l.

JAMES ANDERSON.

Taken up, in Spotylvania, a bay mare, about 4 feet 1 inch high, with a blaze in her face, her hind feet white, not docked, has a stone colt with her, and branded on the near buttock EL in a piece; polled, and appraised to 5 l.

DANIEL MUSHICK.

Taken up, in Goochland, a yellow bay mare, about 14 hands high, with a small star in her forehead, trots, appears to be 9 or 10 years old, has a hanging mane and switch tail, her left hind foot white, has some saddle spots, and branded on the near buttock P-C; polled, and appraised to 4 l.

JOSEPH R. FARRAR.

WILLIAMSBURG, Dec. 25, 1766.

THE subscriber, in the most earnest and pressing manner, hereby intreats all those who are indebted to him to discharge their accounts by the 10th day of February next; otherwise the impotency of his creditors will constrain him to deliver them up his books, which will be very disagreeable, but altogether necessary to prevent the ruin of himself and family.

THOMAS CRAIG.

WHEREAS WILLIAM the son of JOHN RICHARDSON of Stafford, in England, came over to Maryland, and was a servant in the year 1754 to Mr. Samuel Tipton on the river Potapisco: If the said William Richardson be living, by applying to the Printer, he will hear of something to his advantage; if dead, any person producing an authenticated certificate of his death will be reimbursed his expenses, with thanks.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 24, 1766.

IN OBEDIENCE to an order of the House of Burgesses, made at their last meeting, commanding the Treasurer of this colony "to proceed with all possible vigour and despatch to bring to a settlement the several collectors of the taxes," I begin with this method, in hopes that it will, in some measure, prevent the disagreeable necessity I shall be otherwise put to of proceeding in a more rigorous manner. There are large arrears of the land and poll tax, the tax on carriages, tobacco, wits, and ordinary licenses, due to the publick, some of them as far back as the year 1755. Several considerable sums of money are likewise due for depots, of many years standing. Large quantities of tobacco, levied for payment of the militia, are yet unaccounted for by different theiffs; and, for tobacco fold, considerable sums are still due on bonds lodged in the Treasury. I also find many balances, to a considerable amount, unpaid of the money lodged in the hands of different recruiting officers. I decline descending to particulars at present, as all those in arrears cannot be ignorant of it. Once more I must desire the favour of the Gentlemen Sheriffs to make up full and distinct accounts of the taxes arising in their whole counties, and transmit them regularly to the Treasury; this would prevent a vast deal of perplexity in the office, and might save them in the end a great deal of trouble, and perhaps no inconsiderable expence. If the inspectors would be pleased to make up their accounts properly, the same advantages would result. Many judgments, obtained several years ago against different sheriffs for the penalties of their bonds, are still open and unsatisfied; unless their accounts are immediately settled at the Treasury, and the balances properly fixed, I shall be constrained to sue out executions for the full amount of those judgments, as well as all others which may be obtained hereafter. This will probably expose some of the collectors to great inconveniences, which I would willingly have avoided; and therefore recommend it to their most serious reflections. I take the liberty, once more, further to remark that the same laws which point out the duty of the Treasurer prescribe rules for the conduct of all others concerned in the publick revenue.

In obedience also to a former order of the House, I am further to acquaint the publick that I have now in hand £. 6000 of the Treasury notes redeemable in the years 1768 and 1769, which I would gladly exchange for those emitted in JUNE 1757, APRIL and OCTOBER 1758; and that, as more of the former sort may soon be brought into the Treasury, I would willingly exchange as soon as I receive them.

RO. C. NICHOLAS,
TREASURER.

THE necessary duties of the important office of Treasurer, in which I have had the honour to be confirmed by a late act of the General Assembly, requiring my closest attention, I find it will not be in my power to undertake any new causes, and do that justice to my clients which they have a right to expect: I therefore embrace this occasion of expressing my grateful acknowledgments to all those Gentlemen who, for a number of years past, have been pleased to favour me with their business. I shall think it my duty, and make a point of attending the trial of every case of importance, and all others wherein my clients may desire it; and that nothing material may be omitted or neglected, through other avocations, I have engaged the assistance of John Blair, jun. Esq; a Gentleman of distinguished merit, and very deservedly esteemed by all those with whom he has had the pleasure of forming an acquaintance.

RO. C. NICHOLAS.

To be SOLD, pursuant to a decree of the Worshipful Court of KING WILLIAM county, on Monday the 26th of this inst. at the late plantation of Mr. JOHN POWERS, deceased,

SUNDRY VALUABLE VIRGINIA BORN

SLAVES,

on twelve months credit, giving bond and security to

WILLIAM POWERS, } Executors.
DANIEL LIPSCOMB, }

To be SOLD,

A PIECE of good tobacco land, on North Meherrin river, in Lunenburg county, containing 530 acres, whereon is a new dwelling-house 24 by 20 feet, with two good chimnies, and a stone cellar; also a kitchen, dairy, smoke house, garden, barn 24 feet square, store house, corn house, overseer's house, two Negro quarters, and six tobacco houses; also just finished a constant and well accustomed quarter breast mill, with a pair of stones, which grind extremely well, the house 25 by 22 feet, two stories high, on which are fixed a fine set of bolting cloths in two chests, which are carried by water; likewise I expect will be finished by the first of February a good saw mill, adjoining the said works, which are all situated at the foot of a hill upwards of 30 feet high, through which the water is conveyed under ground from the dam, (which stands on the river) to the mill, for the distance of 150 feet, in a covered frame, fixed in a canal from 20 to 25 feet deep, great part of which was blown out of a solid rock; the dam and all the works are founded on the rock, the water is again carried off through a canal about 12 feet deep, and one hundred yards in length, from the mill to the river, which with the canal forms an island of about 20 acres; the said place is well situated for trade, purchasing of wheat at a low price, and convenient to church and court. Whoever inclines to purchase may see the land, and know the terms, by applying to

ABRAHAM MAURY.

HANOVER town, December 23, 1766.

ALL persons indebted to Mess. Andrew Cochran, Robert Donald, and Co. are once more desired to pay off their balances; and those who are not able to comply with this request must give their bonds, otherwise they need expect no further indulgence. Mr. Matthew Anderson, jun. who is properly authorized, will attend all convenient county courts for that purpose.

ALEXANDER DONALD.

To be SOLD at Hanover court-house, on
Thursday the 5th of February, 1767,
being court day,

THIRTY FIVE Choice VIRGINIA Born SLAVES,

AMONG which are several exceeding
good lawyers, some cook wenches, several good men
and women, house servants, a good gardener, and a shoe-
maker. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purcha-
sers giving bond and security to

JACK POWER.

I HAVE a tract of fine level LAND,
containing about 400 acres, conveniently and pleasantly
situated on Pamunkey river, in King William county, which I
will sell on reasonable terms. There is a large plantation
cleared on it, and a very large bearing orchard of Hughes's
Crabs, Clark's Pearmain, Cheefe apples, Father Abraham's,
Newtown Pippins, and peach trees, with a variety of plums,
cherries, pears, apricots, and most other sorts of fine fruit
trees. The plantation is in good order for cropping, and has
on it all convenient houses. I have also a tract of sunken
grounds, containing 700 acres, lying in New Kent, opposite
to the above-mentioned plantation, on which is a great quan-
tity of ash and other valuable timber, which I will likewise
sell. The terms may be known by applying to me, in King
William county.

JACK POWER.

ELIAS BOOTH, who served his time
to an eminent woolcomber in the city of Norwich, and
about the year 1712 went over to Virginia, where he remained
in or near Williamsburg for some years, afterwards came over
to England about the year 1726, where he remained about 3
months, then returned to Virginia, and in some small time
after his arrival married the daughter of one Mr. Demilly of
Williamsburg, by whom he had a son born and christened Wil-
liam, who if alive is now about 36 or 37 years of age, and
may possibly be settled somewhere in or near Williamsburg.
If the said Elias Booth, or his son William, or any other of
the descendants of the said Elias Booth, will apply to Samuel
Metcalfe in King and Queen county, they may hear of some-
thing greatly to their advantage; or if any one who has
known any of the above mentioned persons, either in Virginia
or Maryland, can inform the said Metcalfe where he may find
them, to examine whether they be the persons as described
and intended as above, to the satisfaction of the said Metcalfe,
shall in such case receive the sum of 20 l. sterling, as a reward
for his discovery.

To be SOLD at the subscribers in Willi-
amsburg, at publick auction, on Thursday
the 22d of this instant,

A VALUABLE ASSORTMENT of
EUROPEAN GOODS, consisting of Irish linens,
sheeting, shabrug and rolls, woollen cloths, printed
cottons, striped and brown holland, checks, check
handkerchiefs, silk handkerchiefs, flowered and plain lawns,
stock gauze and tape, a neat assortment of jewellery, variety
of hard ware, men and womens cotton, thread, and worsted
hose, womens leather and calimanco shoes, womens silk hats
and bonnets, with many different sorts of tin ware, wine de-
canters, glasses, &c. also all the household and kitchen furni-
ture, a very neat double chair, with harness for two horses,
three fine milch cows, &c. Six months credit will be allowed
for all sums above 40 s. giving bond and security to Mr.
JOHN TAZEWELL.

BURDETT & GRAYLAND.

N. B. They will continue selling at private sale all, or
any part of the above goods, at a very low advance, from this
to the day of publick sale.

Just imported from LONDON, in the
Argyle, Capt. Cocke, and to be sold on
reasonable terms by the subscriber, at his
shop in WILLIAMSBURG,

A COMPLETE assortment OF MEDICINES.

Also SPICES of all sorts, Capers, Olives, and
Walnuts; Saltpetre, Currants, Figs, Prunes, White and
Brown Candies, Sallad Oil, Best Durham Flower of Mustard,
Elixir Bardana, Essence of Water Dock, Turlington's Balsam,
British Oil, Godfrey's and Freeman's Cordials, Stoughton's
Bateman's, and Jesuits Drops, Pectoral Balsam of Honey,
Smelling Bottles, Lancets, Black Lead Pots, Crucibles, &c.
WILLIAM PASTEUR.

To be SOLD at publick auction, on Wed-
nesday the 21st of January, at the late
dwelling-house of Doctor PETER HAY,
deceased,

SUNDRY valuable VIRGINIA born SLAVES,

among whom is an exceeding good COOK; likewise the per-
sonal estate of the said Peter Hay, consisting of HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, a CHARIOT and HORSES, and sundry
other articles. Credit will be allowed until the 10th of April
next, the purchaser giving bond and security to

PHILIP WHITEHEAD CLAIBORNE, Executor.

N. B. All persons who have any demands against the said
estate are desired to make the same known to Mr. John Taze-
well, in Williamsburg; and all those who are indebted to the
said estate are requested to make immediate payment to him,
to prevent the trouble and expense of lawsuits.

P. W. C.

WILLIAMSBURG, Dec. 14, 1766.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 18, 1766.

THE subscriber intends to leave this
colony soon. All who have any demands against him
are desired to apply to JERMAN BAKER and WILLIAM BIERB.
THOMAS KNOX.

PETERSBURG, December 10, 1766.

I INTEND to leave the Colony soon.
WALTER ROBERTSON.

To be SOLD by PUBLICK AUCTION,
at PORTSMOUTH, on Monday
the 12th of January,

A LOT in the said TOWN,
very conveniently situated, well paved in, and upon
it is a large commodious STOREHOUSE, quite new.
Also a NEGRO WOMAN, who is an exceeding good COOK,
a NEGRO MAN, and large BOY, both used to work on
board of ships and go by water. Credit will be allowed until
the 1st of June next, the purchasers giving bond and security,
if required. Any person inclining to purchase at private sale
may know the terms by applying to the subscriber, in Port-
smouth.

GEORGE MUTER.

To be SOLD, on Thursday the 15th of
January, at BLANDFORD, if fair,
otherwise next fair day,

SEVERAL likely NEGROES,
among which are 3 apprentices, who have about 3 years
to serve, two of them bound to a ship carpenter, and
the other to a bricklayer. At the same time will be sold sun-
dry kinds of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Twelve months
credit will be allowed for all sums above 5 l. the purchasers
giving bond, with approved security, to

THE SELLER.

N. B. A reasonable discount will be allowed for ready
money.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 18, 1766.

THE partnership of Cosby and Moore
being to dissolve the 1st day of JANUARY next, this
is to inform the publick that the business will be carried on in
the usual manner by the subscriber, who hopes for encourage-
ment, as he is determined to work on very reasonable terms,
and he hopes, to the satisfaction of those who may please to
employ him.

WILLIAM COSBY.

To be LET on CHARTER, to any part
of Europe or the West Indies,

THE snow JOHN,

ARCHIBALD McMILLAN Master,

ABOUT 300 hogheads burthen.
Also the ship CATHARINE,
about 350 hogheads burthen.
For terms apply to

NEIL JAMIESON.

NORFOLK, December 18, 1766.

To be SOLD, by private sale,

A VERY Handsome and Convenient
STOREHOUSE, on the main street in Williamsburg,
with every advantage from its situation either for a merchant
or tradesman, and is in exceeding good repair, having been
built but a short time. The credit will be agreed on at the
day of sale, the purchaser giving bond and security to

JOHN THOMPSON, & Co.

To be SOLD, or RENTED for a term of
years, and to be entered on any time after
next May, at EDENTON in NORTH
CAROLINA,

A VERY convenient Tanyard,
with 7 lots, containing 3 acres and a half of land,
all under a good paved fence with cedar posts, on
which are the following conveniences, viz. A dwelling and
kitchen with a good garden, a bate house, a mill house with
a bark mill, a bark house, a currying shop, a dying room with
a stone cellar under the same, a shoemaker's shop, and a good
stable; also a lime house, with a brick kiln to burn lime in,
and with old barks, six lime pits, eight bates, four flourings,
with a copper boiler of about a hundred gailons, twenty four
handlers, eight latches, thirty three bark or laying away pits,
and two water ditches shaded over. The conveniences will
tan upwards of two thousand hides annually, and is situated
where hides and bark are plenty. The whole in good repair,
and will be sold or rented with the servants thereto belonging.
For terms apply to the subscriber, at Edenton.

WILLIAM JACKSON.



STOLEN from the subscriber in Bland-
ford, a white mare, about 4 feet 3 or
6 inches high, about 8 or 9 years old,
with a half roached gray mare and switch
tail, paces slow and trots fast, is apt to
finch if her ears are touched with a switch,
thod before, and branded on the near but-
tock P. Whoever takes up the said mare, and brings her to
me, shall have 30 s. reward.

THOMAS ARBUTHNOTT.

Taken up, in Prince George, a gray mare,
about 4 feet 2 or 3 inches high, with a hanging mane and
switch tail, but no brand perceivable.

JOHN SMITH.

Taken up, in Dinwiddie, a large brown
steer, marked as follows: The right ear long, with a half-
moon under it, and the left ear cropped, with a slit in the end,
and a nick under it.

JOSHUA SPAIN.

To be SOLD, pursuant to a decree of the
Hon. the General Court, on Tuesday
the 27th of January, on the premises, in
Halifax county,

SIXTY choice Virginia born SLAVES,
a large flock of HORSES, CATTLE, and HOGS,
together with the CORN, FODDER, and other things on
the said land, belonging to the estate of GEORGE BRAXTON,
Esq; deceased. Six months credit will be allowed, bond and
security being given to the administrators of the estate of John
Robinson, Esq; deceased.

CARTER BRAXTON.

N. B. Five per cent. discount will be allowed for ready
money.

Wanted immediately,

AN APPRENTICE, to serve at least
four or five years in the business of Physick, Surgery,
Pharmacy, &c. who has had a good education, and whose
character will bear a strict inquiry; he will be well accommo-
dated with bed, board, and washing. For further particulars
apply to

RAMSAY & TAYLOR.

NORFOLK, Dec. 4, 1766.

NORFOLK, November 25, 1766.

ANY person who has a mind to become
an adventurer in my LOTTERY may see the scheme
by applying to Messrs. Purdie and Dixon's Gazette of the 13th
instant, and Mr. Rind's Gazette of the 12th instant; also may
see the scheme, plan, &c. at these Printing Offices, and in
the hands of the managers at Norfolk; George Wray, Hampton;
Seymour Powell, York; William Trebell, James Southall, and
William Lane, Williamsburg; John Banister, Petersburg; Daniel
McCollam, Osborne's; Archibald Buchanan, Warwick;
Alexander Donald, Page's; Andrew Grant, Boyd's Hole;
Thomas Smith, Gloucester; Peter Le Grand, Prince Edward;
William Ronald, and James Scott, Eastern Shore; of whom
tickets may be had.

JOSEPH CALVERT.

To be SOLD at publick sale, at ROCKY
RIDGE, on Monday the 12th of this
instant.

ABOUT 100 choice Negroes,
most of them Virginia born; among which are several
good carpenters, sawyers, coopers, as good a house joiner as
any Negro in the colony, and a very good blacksmith. Credit
will be given until the 10th of April, 1768. Bond and security
will be required, and all bonds not paid by that day will carry
interest from the date.

NATHANIEL HARRISON.

N. B. Large discount will be allowed for ready money.

To be SOLD,

A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND,
containing about 1900 acres, pleasantly situated on
James river, in Prince George county, known by the name of
Coggins Point, in an extraordinary good neighbourhood, and
has the advantage of all the places on the river for fish and
fowl. Persons inclining to purchase are desired to apply for
terms to Benjamin Harrison, Jun. or John Fitzhugh, at Mar-
tin's Brandon, or the subscriber in Stafford.

NATHANIEL HARRISON.

To be SOLD, CHEAP.

A NEW SHIP, about 180 tons, built
of the best white oak, well calculated for the West India
or tobacco trade. Any person inclinable to purchase may
apply to Mr. Joseph Calvert at Norfolk, or George Walker at
Hampton.

N. B. Six months credit, or good wheat, will suit for one
half the value of said vessel.

Scheme of a Lottery FOR disposing of 146 LOTS of

LAND, in the town of Hanover, yet remaining
unsold. The least valuable of the lots, according to the
prices of those most remote from the water, which have been
sold, not being less than 20 l. which is far below a medium
between that sum and what was given for several near the
water, the unsold lots are rated at 30 l. each, accounting
1, 2, 8, 9, 10, on which Page's warehouses stand, one lot;
and 24, 35, 36, 47, 48, 49, on which Crutchfield's ware-
houses stand, one other lot only, so that there will be but 137
lots in the whole to be drawn for; and it is proposed that
there shall be no more than that number of chances, and
consequently no blanks. The consideration money will not
be required of Gentlemen willing to become adventurers,
and subscribing to the scheme, until April next; when it is
to be paid to the proprietor at Williamsburg, either in cash, or
3000 wt. of tobacco. The drawing will be soon after the
subscription shall be completed, of which notice shall be given
in the Virginia Gazette. Robert Carter Nicholas, George
Wythe, Thomas Everard, John Thompson, and Jermain Baker,
Elquires, will be managers of the lottery, or any three of
them.

MANN PAGE.